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The Presidency of the N. A. D.

Some of my friends have mentioned my name for president of the National Association of the Deaf. Others have expressed a desire to know my position on questions affecting the deaf. It is right and proper that the views of any one for whom the convention may be called on to vote should be made known in order that the members may vote intelligently. Therefore, at the request of several friends, I herewith present my views.

The question is sometimes asked whether there is any real need for a National Association of the Deaf. In my opinion there is a distinct need and a well-defined field of usefulness for this association, and I will state some of the objects which it should endeavor to carry out.

1. Sustain the sign language.

2. Oppose the classification of the deaf with the insane and criminal.

3. Enlighten employers as to the capabilities of the deaf, so as to secure better conditions of employment.

4. Root out the impostors who prey on the public under the pretense of being deaf.

5. See that a fair proportion of deaf teachers and helpers are employed at our schools.

6. Extend finger spelling among the hearing.

7. Maintain a Lyceum bureau to arrange lectures and entertainments for the deaf.

THE SIGN LANGUAGE.—The most important question before the deaf at present is to maintain and improve the sign language in our schools. The tendency in some schools is to neglect or discontinue it. The deaf throughout the world, who have had the opportunity to learn it, are a unit in favor of its proper use; many, who have been denied it at school, and even taught to abhor it, have later discovered its value and strongly endorse it; no deaf oppose it. Where such unanimity exists there must be a reason for it. This does not mean that we are opposed to oral instruction. On the contrary I believe that all the deaf should be given every opportunity and encouragement to acquire speech. But I also believe that all the deaf, including those taught orally, should have the opportunity to learn the sign language. Speech reading is useful only for individual conversation. When it comes to sermons, lectures, debates, and public speaking, it is practically useless. Here the sign language comes in and supplies a want which can be filled in no other way. That is why we deaf so strongly favor it. We have a perfect right, and I consider it a duty to our fellow deaf, to bring our views on this question to the attention of parents, school authorities, and the general public, especially in localities where the sign language is not given proper recognition. I strongly favor using such means as the National Association can command to carry this project to a successful conclusion.

UNDESIRABLE CLASSIFICATION.—The injury to the deaf resulting from classification with the criminal and insane has often been pointed out. Concerted and persistent action is required to change it.

EMPLOYERS.—Many are averse to employing the deaf, through ignorance or prejudice. Agitation like that in the Civil Service fight can not help but benefit the deaf.

IMPOSTORS.—We all recognize the evil wrought by these fakirs. Cooperation of the National Association with local deaf should help to diminish the evil.

DEAF TEACHERS AND EMPLOYEES.—Most schools treat their deaf teachers well, but in some there is a disposition to crowd them out. Many schools teach domestic science; but how many give their deaf girls a chance in the domestic department? Some teach gardening; but how many employ deaf gardeners?

MANUAL ALPHABET.—Some years ago a partially successful attempt was made by some superintendents to introduce the manual alphabet in Public School Readers. With the rise of oralism, however, this project has been dropped. I should like to see it renewed. If it is to be done at all it must be done by the deaf. In Scotland the manual al-

phabet is extensively known through the efforts of the deaf. What has been done there can be done here. I should like to see a cut of the manual alphabet printed in the Public School Readers as an aid to spelling; and also to have a neatly printed card with the alphabet together with a brief explanation placed in schools, libraries and public buildings. It would cost considerable, but it would be money well spent.

LECTURES.—There is a growing demand for lectures for the deaf, as shown by the frequent calls of local clubs for capable speakers in the sign language. By having a lectures bureau, the N. A. D. might arrange for a few of the best speakers to make extended tours, so as to reach large numbers at small expense, in the same way as hearing lecturers tour the country. The expense should be defrayed mainly by admission fees, though the N. A. D. might equalize the cost where needed to serve small communities in faraway localities. Such lectures might also, through suitable press notices, be used as strong advertisements of the value of the sign language, and the advanced status of the deaf in general.

There are other objects about which it is unnecessary to go into detail, but which I will briefly mention:

Collect statistics and data about the deaf.

Remove the barrier against the deaf in accident insurance companies, as that in life insurance companies has been removed already.

Encourage projects in aid of aged and infirm deaf.

Oppose politics in schools and work for liberal appropriations to the end that superintendents may employ more men teachers and pay better salaries.

FEDERATION.—The question of federation or re-organization is receiving much attention. It is a knotty problem, and no one has yet offered a satisfactory solution. But I believe that there is enough brains among our deaf to solve it. The solution will not come all at once, but it will be evolved gradually.

To become an efficient working organization the Association needs two things: First, money; second, general interest. To secure the former we should have a large membership—at least two thousand. To secure the latter we should avail ourselves of organizations already existing, such as local societies which meet frequently at regular intervals. Few of the deaf can attend the National conventions, and to others there is under present conditions no inducement to join. Many would be willing to give half a dollar or a dollar a year to sustain the sign language and promote the general welfare of the deaf, provided they also have some voice in the affairs of the Association.

This voice may be given expression in several ways—through voting by mail; through proxies; through elected delegates, or through State Associations. Whatever method is adopted it should be made as simple and direct as possible. One suggestion which strikes me as having merit, is that there should be a large advisory committee elected by the people and a small executive committee appointed by the President.

THE F. S. D.—I do not think that the Fraternal Society of the Deaf should join the N. A. D. in a body. It is doing most commendable work. But its objects are entirely different. It aims to give direct benefits to its members and does not concern itself at all with outsiders. The N. A. D., on the contrary, does not seek to give direct benefits to its members or to any particular individuals. It aims rather to benefit the deaf in general, and its work is largely philanthropic in its nature. The members of the F. S. D., however, would be welcome to join either individually or through local divisions.

ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE.—I am not in favor of excluding any class from office, and should be particularly sorry to see any action taken that would lessen the interest of teachers in the Association. Officers should be chosen who are in position to carry out the wishes

of the Association, and nominations should be made months in advance of election in order that the availability of candidates may be carefully considered.

COMMITTEES.—Large committees are cumbersome, especially where work has to be done by correspondence. Committees should be small and where practicable consist of members who could meet readily for personal consultation.

ENDOWMENT FUND.—Such a fund could be used to great advantage; but until secure we should not bank on it. Better go ahead and raise the money we need among ourselves. When we have demonstrated that we can raise money and use it wisely, we are the more likely to secure an endowment fund.

A PAID SECRETARY.—It has been suggested that we should have a paid secretary who should give all his time to the work. Such an official would be a great advantage. But to pay his salary and provide for other expenses would require at least \$3,000 a year. It is questionable whether the objects to be attained would justify so large an expenditure, especially if the money is to come out of the deaf, whose pockets usually are not bulging with coin. Instead of a paid secretary, it is advisable that those officers having a large amount of correspondence should be allowed clerical help for routine work. Officers themselves should not receive salaries.

OFFICIAL ORGAN.—An official organ is a necessity. The affairs of the Association should be more generally discussed and the work of committees should be reported from time to time. The most effective way in which the Association can carry on its work is by sending printed statements to parties whom we desire to interest, and an official paper would be useful in this connection.

LET US PULL TOGETHER.—The views above expressed are my own. I do not expect them to meet the approval of everybody. To those who differ from me, I would suggest that we will make more progress by pushing the things on which we agree, rather than by wasting our energies discussing the things on which we disagree. If an idea lacks merit, it will die and be forgotten. If it has merit, push it along.

IN CONCLUSION.—I am aware that to fill the office of president as it should be filled requires a large expenditure of time and energy. While I have asked no one either to work or to vote for me, I fully appreciate the many kind expressions made in my behalf publicly and privately, and if the deaf of America see fit to honor me with the highest gift in their power, I will accept the responsibility, and use my best endeavors to make the N. A. D. a power for the advancement and uplifting of the deaf.

If, on the other hand, some one else is considered better qualified for the position, my interest in the deaf will not cease, but I will do my part toward upbuilding the N. A. D., and make it strong and influential in the interests of the deaf, as it ought to be.

OLOF HANSON.
SEATTLE, NOV. 27, 1909.

Hebrew Congregation of the Deaf.

Services every Friday evening, at 8:15 o'clock sharp, at Temple Beth Israel Bikur Holim, (vestry room) 72d Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City.

All are welcome to the services.

SAMUEL COHEN, Leader.

P. E. Diocese of Connecticut.
Rev. G. H. Heffron, Minister in charge.

SCHEDULE FOR FALL AND WINTER, D. V.
Hartford—First and Third Sunday, monthly, City Mission Room, 234 Pearl Street, at 4 P.M.

Bridgeport—Every Third Sunday, 7:30 P.M., St. Paul's Church's Parish House.

New Haven—Every Second and Fourth Sunday, St. Paul's Church, 8 P.M.

Waterbury—Every Second and Fourth Sunday, St. John's Church, 7 P.M.

At other places by appointment. Address of pastor, Y. M. C. A., Hartford, Ct.

ZENO HAS A SWEET TOOTH FOR CLASS RULE.

The Federation problem was a favorite topic of discussion between Mr. Regensburg and myself at Lake Tahoe. One evening Mr. Regensburg retired to bed, subdued in spirit, which was an outward token that he had caught on and was beginning to be convinced. The next morning at breakfast, I said to him: "Last night as I was lying awake, I saw a great light shining around. Getting up to know what had happened, I saw a pillar of fire descending from the sky into your tent, from which I conclude that you have received great enlightenment and now know what the Tilden plan is."

There was a laugh, but I now have to doubt the efficiency of the pillar of fire and feel constrained to answer Mr. Regensburg's letter in the *Observer* and *Silent Success*.

In the first place, the biggest thing the Federation has to do, is to get the biggest membership roll possible, for then the Federation will get the biggest revenue, and the biggest means of exerting influence. This almost amounts to an axiom; at any rate, Veditz and Hanson understand so simple a position.

Then, allowing the above to be true, we look around in all directions for plans that best carry out such an idea.

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NEW YORK.

News items for this column, should be sent direct to the *DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL* Station M, New York.

A few words of information in a letter or on a postal card is sufficient. We will do the rest.

The Metropolitan Branch of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association, held its annual dinner, commemorative of the birthday of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, on Thursday evening, December 9th, at St. Denis Hotel, 11th Street and Broadway.

The date was set for the day previous to Gallaudet Day, for the purpose of enabling some of the New York members of the Philadelphia Gallaudet Club to be present at the dinner in that city. It was hoped the Philadelphians would meet us half way and hold their celebration on Saturday evening. Contrary to expectation, the "brotherly love" boys stuck to the original and customary date, and the faith of the confiding New Yorkers received a decided jolt. Two dinners on consecutive evenings is too fierce a pace for the staid and steady boys of Gotham, therefore but one of them made the long-anticipated trip to "Rapid-Town."

The New York celebration of the birth of the Founder of the Education of the Deaf in America, was honored by having five of his lineal descendants (and two "in-laws") present—Dr. Edward Miner Gallaudet, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, Misses Virginia B. Gallaudet, and Elizabeth Gallaudet, and Dr. and Mrs. Bern Budd Gallaudet.

Others present brought the list up to twenty-three, and left only five empty chairs which had been reserved for Principal and Mrs. Currier and her niece, and Mr. Fogarty and lady. Mrs. Currier was taken suddenly sick the day before the dinner, and a telegram reached the committee on the evening of the dinner announcing that serious illness in Mr. Fogarty's family prevented his attendance.

The dinner began promptly at nine o'clock, and the following menu was discussed:

MENU

DR. THOMAS FRANCIS FOX, *Toastmaster*



Cape Cods

Canapes Russe

Olives

Rodishes

Creme Dubary

Filet of Bass, Condorset

Potatoes Parisienne

Nosettes of Lamb, Cardinal

Stuffed Red Peppers

Potatoes Loretta

French Peas

Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce

Mixed Salad

Fancy Forms Ice Cream

Assorted Cakes

Compote of Fruits

Roquefort and Camembert Cheese

Toasted Crackers



Coffee

With the toasted crackers came the talk, and President Fox, who was also toastmaster, made a speech upon the man whose memory they were honoring. He then called upon Dr. E. M. Gallaudet, President of Gallaudet College, who responded in those clear and impressive signs for which he is famed. He spoke about his illustrious progenitor at some length, then branched off to the College and mentioned the forward strides it was making in a higher curriculum. He referred with pride to the athletic record of the students, and closed with messages of greeting from the Faculty and students to the Metropolitan Chapter of the Alumni Association.

Others called upon for speeches and who responded were: Mr. William G. Jones, Mr. E. A. Hodgson, Mr. Theo. A. Froehlich, Mrs. E. E. Hannan, Mr. Harry Best.

When Mr. Best had concluded, it was just on minute of twelve o'clock, and immediately after the midnight hour, all standing drank to the memory of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet.

Mr. A. Stein, who thirteen years ago used to reside in this city, but then became permanent resident of Chicago, Ill., was in this city last week to attend the Golden Jubilee of the "Nederland Israelitish Sick Fund," an organization of which he has been a member for thirty-three years. The affair took place at Terrace Garden, 158 East 58th Street, this city, on Sunday afternoon, December 12th, at half past five o'clock.

The Deaf-Mutes' Union League held its annual election on Thursday evening, December 9th, with the following result: M. L. Kenner, President; F. A. Simonson First Vice-President; A. A. Cohn, Second Vice-President; Samuel Lowenthal, Secretary; A. C. Bachrach, Treasurer. F. W. Nuboer, H. C. Dickerson, Executive Committee.

A surprise party was given by the Acorn Club at Mrs. Pearsall's house on Saturday evening, December 11th, in honor of Miss Etta Pearsall's engagement to Mr. Louis A. Ahmes. They were much surprised, having had no idea of such plans in their behalf and were much pleased to meet all their friends under such pleasing conditions.

The success of the affair was due to the good arrangements of Messrs. Osmond L. Loew and Walter F. Calahan, with the able assistance of Mrs. Pearsall. Refreshments were served, after several novel games had been played and prizes given. The guests at the party were Misses Lillie Lindhoff, Frances Mears, Anna Bonoff, Ruby Abrams, Edna Bennett, Jessie Burke and Irvin Ernst, and Messrs. Robert B. McGinnis, Alfred B. Ernst, Monroe Lesser, Chas. Ernst and Emery F. Wolgat.

Rev. Dr. Chamberlain reached his 72d milestone on Tuesday, December 8th. At the social gathering in the Guild Room of St. Ann's on that evening, word was passed round that it was the Pastor's natal day, and in a few minutes a quiet collection was made. Rev. Mr. Keiser slipped out and purchased some presents, and returning called the reverend doctor forward and presented them amidst applause.

Mrs. Edgar Bloom presented her husband with a fine baby boy, on the morning of Saturday, December 11th. Mother and child doing well. Mrs. Bloom was formerly a resident of New Orleans. She was educated at Fanwood, and her schoolmates will remember her as Miss Camille Meyer.

Miss L. A. Edwards bids farewell to Hoboken on Saturday next, and will henceforth make her home with a sister in Virginia. She is most estimable lady and has many friends in New York and vicinity who will learn with regret of her departure.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. Theodore Kiesel died on November 16th, last. Mr. Kiesel had been in poor health for a long time. He went to the hospital for an operation, which was successful, and was about to be removed to his home when his death occurred.

Mr. Kiesel was a teacher in the Kendall School up to a short time ago, when he retired on account of ill health. He was unusually successful in instructing very young pupils. The funeral was held on November 18th, the body being interred in Rock Creek Cemetery. Messrs. Hotchkiss, Draper, Ballard, Stafford, Erickson and Merrill, were the pall bearers.

Gilbert, the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Erickson, has been having scarlet fever and all the Ericksons have been quarantined. Fortunately the attack was a mild one and the boy is now almost well.

The Whitlockes have moved to town, and are now located on L Street, N. E., but G. B. W. still gets up at 1 A. M., a time when fashionable folks are just getting ready to go to bed.

The National Literary Society held its regular monthly meeting in Flynn's Hall, on the 2d instant.

The program consisted of a lecture by Dr. J. B. Hotchkiss, on the Spanish Conquest of Florida; a debate between Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson on the affirmative side, and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall on the negative side, regarding the administration of Theodore Roosevelt; and a declamation by Mrs. Flood.

Messrs. Bryant and Faison were to have given a dialogue, but the latter was unable to attend, so that feature of the program had to be omitted.

The Society now meets on the first Thursday of each month, instead of Wednesday.

To date the Oritens have had two meetings since the organization of the club, the first on November 23d, at Mr. and Mrs. Merrill's and the second on the 6th instant, at Mr. and Mrs. Ballards.

Both gatherings were very enjoyable affairs, and it is hoped future meetings will be as successful.

Another club, composed mostly of residents south of H Street, W. E., has been formed along the same lines as the Oritens, and it is understood they had one or two meetings, but the club's press agent has not been around our way, so we cannot give particulars.

The local branch of the College Alumni Association met at the Ballards, on November 24th, with a large attendance. Mr. Ballard gave a short sketch of a number of great orators, demonstrating the fact, that he himself is quite an orator—in signs, of course.

The refreshments were extra good—in fact, the whole affair was extra good. The next meeting is to be on December 29th, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Hotchkiss, and it is expected that a new board of officers will be elected at this meeting.

The Guild of St. Barnabas Episcopal Mission was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Adams, on the 27th ultimo. The time was passed in conversation and story telling, after which a repast of creamed oysters, cake, etc., was served.

The St. Barnabas Mission's Christmas Festival will be held on the 30th instant, in the Parish

Hall. The committee in charge of the festival hope to make the affair as pleasant and enjoyable as the festivals of past years. Everybody is welcome. Don't forget the date.

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BALTIMORE.

Mr. William Martin, of Hampstead, Md., and Miss Nette Eisenhart, of York, Pa., were married in York, Pa., last Thanksgiving Day. We extend our hearty congratulations to the happy couple and wish them many years of happy wedded life.

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We all wish him good luck and much success in his new home.

Mrs. Nora McClary, of Tolchester, Md.; Mr. Thomas Lamb, of Chestertown; Mr. Stewart, of Washington, D. C., and Messrs. John Ayres and Holton Stiltz, of Whitehall, Md., were visitors at the Methodist Church, Sunday evening, December 12th.

The Baltimore Society, at its regular business meeting last Wednesday night, it was decided to have an all-night watch meeting in its room on December 31st. Messrs. McElroy, Feast and Krasnal were chosen as committee to bring the affair to a successful ending. A fine supper will be served.

The Methodist Mission will have its annual Christmas Tree and entertainment, Thursday night, December 30th. The entertainment will take place in the large Sunday School room of the church, which has been greatly improved, and new side rooms added for the use of the mute class.

Mr. W. H. Giles, who has been sick for a long time, is once more at work again, at Dixon and Bartlett shoe factory, as a finisher, and earns very good wages.

Mr. Fred Tschiffely, of Gaithersburg, Md., spent a few days in this city renewing old acquaintances, and last Wednesday he was an interest visitor at the Baltimore Society.

Mr. H. S. Anderson is at present visiting in Richmond, Va., and expects to stay there ten days.

The Christmas Holiday recess of the Maryland School begins Thursday, December 23d, and ends Tuesday, January 4th. The Baltimore pupils and those living in near by will spend the holidays at home, and those living at a distance will remain at the school and be given a good time in the shape of amusement, etc., by the officials of the school.

The latest subscriber of the *JOURNAL* is Mr. John Ayres, of Harford County, who when shown a copy of the paper at once fell in love with it and planked down the required dollar. Mr. Ayres is a prosperous farmer and ships many gallons of milk to this city daily.

The entertainment given for the benefit of the deaf and dumb children of the St. Francis Xavier school, conducted by the Sisters of the Mission Helpers, Biddle and McCullough Streets, at the Maryland Theatre last night, was excellently rendered. The pantomimes were given by the children of the school, assisted by students from Loyola College, who did the singing. The program consisted of: Action lesson, by the children of the school; address, by Willie Martini, of Loyola College; rose march and drill by 16 little girls of the deaf and dumb school, led by Adele Cunningham and Margaret Harrison, two little lots who looked like rosebuds themselves; a pantomime, "Fairy Wedding," with fairies, brownies, butterflies and frogs all dressed in costumes appropriate to the characters represented; scarf drill, given by six girls and two boys, who accurately represented the emotions of the mind by poses; the "Star-Spangled Banner," sung by a quartet from Loyola College, who did the singing. The program consisted of: Action lesson, by the children of the school; address, by Willie Martini, of Loyola College; rose march and drill by 16 little girls of the deaf and dumb school, led by Adele Cunningham and Margaret Harrison, two little lots who looked like rosebuds themselves; a pantomime, "Fairy Wedding," with fairies, brownies, butterflies and frogs all dressed in costumes appropriate to the characters represented; scarf drill, given by six girls and two boys, who accurately represented the emotions of the mind by poses; the "Star-Spangled

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FANWOOD.

The members of the Fanwood Literary Association were pleasantly entertained in the chapel last Saturday, December 11th, by the Fifth Oral Male Class, who presented the following arranged program:

READING—"A Foot Race for Life," by Cadet Edward Trinks.

READING—"A Foolish Squirrel," by Cadet Sollio Goerschaneck.

READING—"Into the Shadow," by Cadet Edward Zwetschkenbaum.

READING—"The Lucky Indian," by Cadet Isadore Lovitch.

DEBATE—"Resolved, That Football should be prohibited in School and Colleges," by Cadets M. Eisen, J. Gallagher, H. Goerschaneck, E. Trinks, L. Kramer, S. Goerschaneck, A. Tinghino, Isadore Lovitch and E. Zwetschkenbaum.

JOKES—By Cadet Louis Kramer.

READING—"A Patriotic Incident of the Revolution," by Cadet James Gallagher.

ONE ACT COMEDY—"A Case of Suspension," by Cadets M. Eisen, J. Gallagher, H. Goerschaneck, E. Trinks, L. Kramer, S. Goerschaneck, A. Tinghino, Isadore Lovitch and E. Zwetschkenbaum.

The programme was well gone through, all the members putting their hearts in their work. The debate was hotly contested by Moses Eisen and Harry Goldberg, and the judges—Frederick Fancher, Delma Pierce and Alice Tracy—had no easy position, but they finally decided in favor of the affirmative side, which won by a margin of four points.

The cream of the programme, however, was the one act comedy, "A Case of Suspension." It is Cadets Eisen, Gallagher and Goldberg were college boys, and Cadets Lovitch, Tinghino and Goerschaneck were college girls. Every one did his part well, vividly portraying college life as they set it forth. Cadet Tinghino made a laughable blunder, however, which was when he tried to light a match by scratching it on the seat of his dress, he being under the illusion that he was still wearing pants.

Much credit is due to Mr. E. Lacroix, the teacher, for his labors to make the play a success. Albert Dirkes assisted those who had feminine parts to dress, he having learned that difficult art while playing a feminine part the preceding week.

Upon the conclusion of the play, Dr. Fox gave the current events, after which all the pupils filed off to bed and dreamland.

Judge C. T. Willett, of Pasadena, Cal., and his sister, Mrs. Nora Spooner, were visitors last week. They are friends of Principal and Mrs. Currier.

The usual afternoon review and parade took place in the boys' yard last Sunday, after the service in the chapel, which was conducted by Mr. Jones. Principal Currier acted as reviewing officer.

Mr. E. T. Winthrop of the Executive Committee, General Kerwin, and Messrs. Luettong and Dennis of the Library Committee, spent Friday afternoon at the Institution. They inspected the entire Institution and also the Library. They also witnessed the setting-up drill before supper, and saw the pupils at supper.

Mrs. L-Grand Lockwood, of the Ladies' Committee, was present on Wednesday.

Mrs. E. E. Hannan, wife of Sculptor Hannan, visited the Printing Office last Wednesday, and conversed with Editor Hodgson.

The Special Fire-Alarm System of the Institution was tested last week. It was found to be in perfect condition.

Mr. Jones' story, which he delivered last Sunday evening, was an excellent one. The pathos and humor of it was ably depicted by Mr. Jones.

Next week, on December 22d, the pupils will leave for the Christmas vacation, returning January 4th, 1910. The writer wishes to be first to say, "A Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to All!"

On Monday afternoon Principal Currier escorted a large party of young gentlemen students of Social and Economic problems through the various departments of the Institution. They were from the College of the City of New York and were accompanied by Prof. H. B. Woolston.

JAMES H. QUINN.

CHURCH NOTICES.

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First Sunday—Morning, Lancaster; Afternoon, Steelton; Evening, York.

Second Sunday—Morning, Easton; Afternoon, Allentown; Evening, Reading.

Third Sunday—Afternoon, Scranton; Evening, Wilkes-Barre.

Fourth Sunday—Rochester and Buffalo.

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Brooklyn Guild of Deaf-Mutes

It meets the first Thursday evening of each month at 8 o'clock, in St. Mark's Chapel, Adelphi Street, near De Kalb Avenue.

CALENDAR 1909.

THURS. " 30—Xmas Festival.

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Cor. Sec'y.

Prince Bladud.

The early history of England is very obscure. The country was first known as Britain and the inhabitants were too ignorant to write history. When there was a great victory in one of their numerous wars; or when one king died and another took his place, they marked the spot where the important event took place with a pile of stones. They had traditions—that is, stories told by one generation to another—but there was no written history of the country until Julius Caesar conquered it. He wrote the history of his own wars and conquests, and was the first to write about Britain. He called the Britains barbarians. And as compared with the Romans they were. And yet some of them were skilled in the working of mines and in making useful and ornamental articles out of metals.

Historians who have compared the early traditions believe there were a number of kings before Julius Caesar conquered Britain. They think Brutus was the name of the first king and Lud Hurdebras, father of Bladud, was the eighth.

Prince Bladud was the only child of the king and queen and was greatly loved by them. He is said to have been handsome and to have possessed a bright mind. But unfortunately he was afflicted with leprosy. At that time the disease was common and highly infectious, all persons were by law driven from the towns and villages and forced to live as best they could in the dense forests that covered much of the country. So strictly was the law enforced that even the young prince was ordered to leave his royal home.

As soon as it was discovered that Prince Bladud was afflicted with the disease, the chiefs of the country ordered his banishment. Under the law the king had to order him to go. The fond mother protested with all her power, but without avail. Before leaving his home his mother gave her son a ring of most peculiar make, and he departed on his sorrowful banishment.

He walked all day and it was evening before he found anyone who afforded him the least compassion. Just before the sun went down he met a shepherd boy in distress. One of his sheep had fallen into a ditch and he could not get it out. Bladud helped him and earned his gratitude. He thought he would like to be a shepherd, but the boy persuaded him to first become a swineherd.

Bladud was introduced to an old swineherd who was almost blind and needed a youth to help him take care of his pigs, and he was taken into service. It was hard work. From daylight until dark he was caring for the pigs, driving them to the woods where they could find food, and guarding them from wild animals. He was exposed to all kinds of weather during the day and night had only a bed of straw. His food was coarse and poor.

The evils of leprosy were unknown to the herdsmen of the country, but Bladud soon discovered that some of the pigs had become infected with the disease. His master was too nearly blind to see it, and Bladud knew if he told him he would be discharged and perhaps starve. So he said nothing.

Food became scarce near home, and Bladud with his herd went deeper and deeper into the woods. One day he came to a river on the opposite side of which acorns seemed plentiful. He asked permission to take the pigs over, and it was granted.

So he hunted a shallow place in the stream and drove the pigs across. No sooner had he reached the shore, however, than they ran, not to the acorns, but to a swamp into which they rushed and wallowed until they were forced by hunger to come out. But when they had feasted on acorns they rushed back to the swamp. This was kept up day after day, and finally Bladud noticed that the pigs which had leprosy were cured. His heart beat high when the knowledge of the power of the swamp came to him, and he went into the mire to try its effect upon himself. He soon found that the painful symptoms of the disease were gone, and it was not long until he was completely cured.

Then he told the swineherd who he was and all about the disease and the cure. He invited him to return with him to his father, the king, and the swineherd accepted. When they reached the town where the king lived the people were having a great festival. It was the fall festival in honor of the successful gathering of the crops. Every one but Bladud and the swineherd were dressed in their best clothes, and the crowd soon collected about them and began to torment them. But they finally succeeded in getting to the spot where the king and queen were.

They did not know Bladud when he first announced himself. He was much more robust than when he left. His clothes, too, were of the poorest kind, and made a great change in his appearance. But when he showed them the ring his mother gave him there was no longer any doubt and they were very happy.

The people rejoiced when they learned of Bladud's return, and the

feasting, dancing and sports lasted a long time. The shepherd boy and the swineherd were both handsomely rewarded for their kindness to the prince.

Bladud then went to Greece and studied for several years, and when he succeeded his father he did much to civilize the country. He founded a city at the springs where he was healed, and it is now known as the City of Bath, where thousands of people derive benefit from the waters.

Church Mission.

MID-WESTERN DISTRICT.

The Rev. Austin Ward Mann, M.A., General Missionary in Charge, 1001 Wilbur Avenue, S. E., Cleveland, Ohio.

PRINCIPAL MISSIONS.

Cleveland, O., St. Agnes' Mission, Grace Church.

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Akron, O., Grace Mission, St. Paul's Church.

Canton, O., Epiphany Mission, St. Paul's Church.

Youngstown, O., Emmanuel Mission, St. John's Church.

Columbus, S. O., All Saints' Mission, Trinity Church, Miss May Greer, Interpreter at regular morning services.

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Dayton, S. O., St. Clement's Mission, Christ Church.

Portsmouth, S. O., Holy Faith Mission, All Saints' Church.

Pittsburgh, Pa., St. Margaret's Mission, Trinity Church, Brewster R. Allbaugh and Frank A. Leitner, Lay Readers.

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Flint, Mich., St. Aidan's Mission, St. Paul's Church.

Grand Rapids, W. Mich., St. Bede's Mission, St. Mark's Pro-Cathedral.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Ascension Mission, St. Luke's Church, Martin M. Taylor, Lay Reader.

Indianapolis, Ind., St. Alban's Mission, Christ Church, Nathaniel Field Morrow, Lay Reader.

Louisville, Ky., All Souls' Mission, Christ Church Cathedral.

Danville, Ill., Calvary Mission, Trinity Church.

For the first time in the history of the University of California a woman was heard in a Bonnheim debate. Miss Alice Lorraine Andrews, of the freshman class, was accorded the honor of representation on the team winning the place over 57 competitors.

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February 22d, 1910

under the auspices of the

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(Particulars later.)

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Oh, the hearts that we may lighten—
helping just a little."

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UNDER AUSPICES OF

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AT 8:30 O'CLOCK

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Admission, - (including wardrobe check) - 50 cents

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[Particulars of Programme later]

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